Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-5. (Canceled)

6. (Allowed) An aqueous ink for ink-jet recording comprising water and a resin as an emulsion, wherein the resin is colored with a pyridone azo compound represented by the formula (2);

$$R_9$$
 R_{10}
 R_{11}
 R_{12}
 R_{12}
 R_{12}
 R_{12}
 R_{13}
 R_{13}
 R_{13}
 R_{14}
 R_{15}
 R_{15}
 R_{15}
 R_{15}
 R_{15}
 R_{15}
 R_{15}

wherein

each of R₇ to R₁₁ independently, represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, a hydroxyl group, -NR₁₄R₁₅ in which each of R₁₄ and R₁₅ independently, represents a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, or an aralkyl group, -COX₁ in which X₁ represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, or -NR₁₆R₁₇ in which each of R₁₆ and R₁₇ independently, represents a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, or an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, -COO(CH₂)_n-COX₂, -OCOX₃, or -NHCOX₄, in which X₂ to X₄ represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, or an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, and n is an integer of 1 to 3, provided that at least one of R₇ to R₉ is -CONR₁₆R₁₇ having 17 or more carbon atoms,

 R_{12} represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 4 or more carbon atoms,

 R_{13} represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 8 or more carbon atoms.

7. - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Allowed) A pyridone azo compound represented by the formula (2);

$$R_{9}$$
 R_{10}
 R_{11}
 R_{11}
 R_{12}
 R_{12}
 R_{12}
 R_{12}
 R_{12}
 R_{13}
 R_{13}
 R_{13}
 R_{13}

wherein

each of R₇ to R₁₁ independently, represents a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, a hydroxyl group, -NR₁₄R₁₅ in which each of R₁₄ and R₁₅ independently, represents a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, or an aralkyl group, -COX₁ in which X₁ represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, or -NR₁₆R₁₇ in which R₁₆ and R₁₇ independently, represents a hydrogen atom, an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, or an unsubstituted or substituted aryl group, -COO(CH₂)_n-COX₂, -OCOX₃, or -NHCOX₄ in which X₂ to X₄ represents an unsubstituted or substituted alkyl group, an aralkyl group, an unsubstituted or substituted or substituted or substituted aryl group, an unsubstituted or substituted alkoxy group, or an unsubstituted or substituted aryloxy group, and n is an integer of 1 to 3, provided that at least one of R₇ to R₉ is -CONR₁₆R₁₇ having 17 or more carbon atoms,

 R_{12} represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 4 or more carbon atoms,

 R_{13} represents a linear or branched alkyl group having 8 or more carbon atoms.

12. – 17. (Canceled)